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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### A Little Progress

THAT it is possible, for the time being, to announce definite agreement on one item in the negotiations has a stimulating effect and reawakens expectations for an ultimate full settlement. It is true that item 5—agreement for the holding of a high-level political conference within 90 days after an armistice to consider withdrawal of all foreign forces from Korea and the peaceful settlement of the Korean question—has not been a major issue, but it is an integral part of the pre-requisite conditions for an armistice, and agreement on the point, therefore, represents positive progress. Most hopeful sign to be seen in this development was the willingness of both sides to accept resilient interpretations. There was a noticeable and encouraging "give and take" approach to the issue.

IT cannot be pretended, however, that complete accord is just around the corner. Two major issues remain outstanding, and the fact that they are still being deliberated on staff officer level must be accepted as a sign that there will be further protracted discussions before divergencies of views are composed. The Communists' insistence that Soviet Russia should be one of the six neutral nations to supervise an armistice is likely to be the main stumbling block. The Communists demand that the UN Command disclose why it objects to Russia being included in the supervisory team. There is no obligation for the Allies to do so. The agreement is that the nominated countries shall be acceptable to both sides. But in fact Russia can never be designated a neutral vis-à-vis the Korea conflict. In the background she has been an active protagonist. Nor is her presence in the supervisory team essential. There are plenty of other genuinely neutral nations available. On this point the Communists possess no tenable argument, and it is one on which everybody has a right to expect the Reds to give way.

## Egyptian Premier Foresees Urgent & Speedy Talks

### WHITEHALL EXPRESSES CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM

Cairo, Feb. 19.

The Prime Minister, Aly Maher Pasha, said tonight that if Egypt entered into negotiations with Britain to settle their dispute, the talks would be "urgent and speedy."

Maher Pasha said he had instructed the Egyptian Ambassador in London, Amr Pasha, to return to Cairo urgently to report on his two meetings with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden. He added that Amr Pasha was expected to reach Cairo tomorrow or Thursday.

The Minister of State, Ibrahim Abdel Wasab, earlier tonight had quoted the Premier as saying he would enter into negotiations with Britain "to fulfil Egypt's national aspirations".

Abdel Wasab said Maher Pasha made the statement to a student committee of Foad el Awa' University. Maher Pasha received the Committee to discuss the situation with them prior to reopening the universities on Saturday. Schools have been closed since the disturbances last month.

Maher Pasha called the meeting to assure the students that his government would strive to fulfil the nation's demands, which include evacuation of British forces from the Suez Canal Zone and unity of Egypt and the Sudan under the Egyptian crown.

The Interior Ministry today issued a communique denying that the United States had offered to arm and equip the Egyptian police. Earlier, usually well-informed sources said United States and Egyptian officials had discussed this step.

The report followed calls by the United States Ambassador, Mr. Jefferson Caffery, on Egyptian government leaders. Mr. Caffery conferred with Maher Pasha for 20 minutes today. After the meeting, he said the discussions had been about "international affairs" and he confirmed that subjects included the question of Middle Eastern defence.

Later, the Interior Ministry announced that the curfew imposed after the January 20 riots would be shortened by one hour in the near future, starting at 9 p.m. GMT instead of 8 p.m.—United Press.

**FURTHER PROGRESS**

London, Feb. 19.

The Foreign Office said further progress towards better understanding in Anglo-Egyptian relations was made at talks today between the Egyptian Ambassador, Abdel Fattah Amr Pasha, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden.

Amr Pasha was the first visitor this morning in the Foreign Office. He talked with Mr. Eden for a little short of an hour and Egyptian officials afterwards described the conversations as "very cordial".

A British official said it would be wrong to assume that any new proposals or plans were discussed.

"There were useful exchanges and it may be said there was a new slant taken on some aspects of the Anglo-Egyptian scene, but there were no new proposals or plans discussed," said the official. "More progress was made towards a better understanding."

—United Press.

### DEATH OF NUN

London, Feb. 19.

In the House of Commons today a Labour Member, Mr. Harold Davies, asked the Minister of War if he would make known the findings of the British Court of Inquiry into the shooting of the American nun, Sister Anthony, at Ismailia last month.

Mr. Anthony Head, Secretary of State in the War Office, replied that such reports are confidential and privileged documents. It was not the practice to disclose them. But after studying the proceedings of the inquiry he was in "full agreement" that no responsibility in the matter could be attributed to the British military authorities.

Mr. Davies: Will you tell us whether or not British bullets were found in the nun's body? We understand from Middle East reports that Sister Anthony was running to greet tanks because she had phoned for them. It might have been a pure accident and the truth is best in this case. Were they British bullets?

Mr. Head: I can assure you that both points or allegations are untrue. There is no doubt whatever in my mind that the British troops in this case were not responsible.—Reuter.

### Wrecked Ship On Fire

Land's End, Feb. 19.

A fire was raging today aboard the wrecked Liberian ship, Liberty, which went ashore on cliffs near Land's End. The vessel has been aground for several weeks and recently was bought for salvage by the British Iron and Steel Corporation.

Fire fighting units were sent immediately from neighbouring towns. Because of the steepness of the cliffs, they could not get pumps aboard until the fire had been burning for two hours.

The Liberty, a 5,000-ton cargo vessel, went ashore on January 18 while bound from West Africa to Newport, Monmouthshire. She had no cargo on board.

Her crew of 39 were taken off by breeches buoy.

On February 2, volunteers boarded the Liberty to rescue a cat which had remained on board. A door jammed, shutting them in a cabin until a policeman broke it open. They came ashore without the cat.

The cat, after making a brief appearance today, disappeared again into the forepart of the ship. To local people the cat is known as Caliban.—Reuter.

### Templer's Solution For Malaya Problem

(From Ian Dunbar)

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 19.

More troops, tanks or guns will not win the war in Malaya. The solution rests largely in the hands of the people—Malaya, Chinese, Europeans and Indians—who have built the country into one of the richest in the Commonwealth.

That is the opinion of General Sir Gerald Templer, the newly-appointed Commissioner in the Federation and Supreme Commander of the national effort against the Communist terrorists.

It will form the basis of the "Templer Plan" to break the rebellion.

"The end of this costly campaign cannot be achieved only by military means," General Templer told me in an exclusive interview, the first he has granted since his arrival in Malaya.

"The solution lies in the hearts and minds of the people. The problem is how to touch them. Ever since my arrival I have been investigating every means of doing so."

There has been little sleep during the last 11 days for him on his assistant, Mr. C. M. Gillivray. Conferences have gone on nightly to 2 a.m. and both men have been up again soon after 6 a.m.

"One thing I would like to emphasise," the General said. "We have both been most impressed by the goodwill with which we have been received here. Also by the number of really good men and women there are in this country today who feel terribly strongly not only that the present emergency must be got under control as quickly as possible but also that Malaya has got a very great future."—London Express Service.

### LUCCER LOST WITH ALL HANDS

London, Feb. 19.

It has now been established that the 174-ton Icelandic auxiliary luccer, Eyringur, carrying a crew of seven, was lost with all hands off Eday, in the Orkney Islands, last week.

Four bodies have so far been washed ashore on the Orkney Islands. These are being shipped back to Leith, in Scotland, in sealed coffins and on Friday will be sent to Iceland.—Reuter.

### ON THEIR WAY

London, Feb. 19.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Robert Schuman, left London tonight for Lisbon, six hours behind schedule, after their aircraft had been delayed twice by engine trouble.—Reuter.

### A SOLEMN PREMIER



Looking very solemn, the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, arrives at St James Palace for a meeting of the Accession Council which made the decision to issue the Proclamation of Princess Elizabeth as Queen.—London Express.

### Socialists Resume Attack

London, Feb. 19.

The Labour Opposition in the House of Commons decided on Tuesday night to renew its attack on Prime Minister Winston Churchill for his statements on foreign policy while he was in America recently.

The leader of the Opposition, Mr. Clement Attlee, and three of his senior colleagues on Tuesday night reintroduced their motion—virtually a personal censure motion on Mr. Churchill—withdrawn with other controversial issues because of national mourning.

The motion will come before the House early next week—probably Monday or Tuesday—when members will resume the foreign affairs debate.

It welcomes the statement of foreign policy made by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in the House of Commons on February 6, which it says adheres to the policy of the late Labour Government.

But the motion goes on to regret Mr. Churchill's "failure to give adequate expression to this policy in the course of his recent visit to the United States."—Reuter.

### Invasion Of Locusts

London, Feb. 19.

A swarm of desert locusts has crossed the southeast border of Iraq from Saudi Arabia, the Anti-Locust Research Centre in London stated today.

A large immature swarm was reported at Anzab on February 9.

Dr. Boris P. Uvarov, the Director of the Research Centre, yesterday warned the Middle East that swarms of the insects from Ethiopia and the Somali peninsula had suddenly "swung northward across the Red Sea and had flown rapidly on a wide front across Arabia."

He added that harvests in the Middle East this spring would be threatened.

Today Dr. Uvarov told Reuter: "If it rains now—and this is the season of intermittent rains—the desert will become green. There will be food for the locusts to thrive on and the plague will be a big one."—Reuter.

## 'Partial Settlement' Of Persian Oil Dispute

### ANNOUNCEMENT FROM TEHERAN

Teheran, Feb. 19.

Premier Mohammed Mossadeqh and an International Bank mission issued a joint communique tonight saying partial settlement of the Iranian oil crisis has been agreed on.

In a last meeting before the Bank's special mission leaves for Washington, the negotiators agreed to continue efforts for full settlement of the dispute with Britain over operation of the nationalised oil refineries.

The communique, said understanding has been reached on a number of points.

"On other points, a frank exchange of views has clarified the respective positions of the Iranian government and the Bank," the statement said. It added that the Bank Vice President Robert L. Garner, and loan consultant Hector Prudhomme will leave tomorrow "to pursue further possibility of a large scale flow of Iranian oil."

No details were announced on the agreements reached.

The negotiations were reported to have broken down last Saturday but members of the Iranian Parliament Oil Committee intervened directly and saved the talks.

Discussions have centred on the Bank's proposal to manage the "idle" Iranian oil industry temporarily until a final settlement of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company dispute is reached.

This began last April after Iran nationalised its \$1,500,000,000 British-built oil industry, including the Abadan refinery, world's largest.—Associated Press.

### TEHERAN ARRESTS

Teheran, Feb. 19.

The arrest of some 50 members of Fedayan Islami (Islamic Faithful) was officially announced here tonight.

The arrests were made in connection with an attempted assassination of a member of the National Oil Commission, Hossein Fatemi.—France-Press.

### Mr Churchill Sees The Queen

London, Feb. 19.

Queen Elizabeth II to-night gave audience to Prime Minister Winston Churchill at her residence in Clarence House.

It was believed this was one of the regular weekly audiences during which the Prime Minister informs the sovereign about the affairs of the state.—France-Press.

### Settlement Between Bank & Opponents

An agreement was reached late this morning between the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the opponents to the Bank's application before the Tenancy Tribunal for exemption from the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance in connection with proposed new bank buildings to be erected at Mong Kok at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000.

After a discussion the parties arrived at a settlement on the following terms:

1. that a payment of \$50,000 ex gratia be made by the applicants to Messrs. Hastings, solicitors to opponents;

2. that on an application being made by the Shing Kee Transport Co. for a small office space in the new building, it will be favourably considered;

3. that the applicants undertake that the opponents will not be evicted within three months from today and in effect not until it is necessary for the commencement of construction operations;

4. that the tenants will continue to pay rent at the present rates until the premises are vacated.

Mr d'Almada agreed to the settlement, but stressed that the recommendation should be made independently of the agreement.

Mr Latimer announced that he would make the necessary recommendation for exemption independently of the agreement.

A report of the earlier proceedings appears on the back page.



Mme. de Terwagne, fashionable Parisienne, models this striking carwheel hat by Rose Valois. Like so many smart women today, Mme. de Terwagne is most enthusiastic about the latest fashion of rose-tinting the gums. She knows how this makes the teeth look even whiter, by contrast, and the smile so much more alluring.

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## Lower Jute Prices Are Forecast

### INDIAN CUT IN EXPORT DUTY

Dundee, Feb. 19. Lower prices for raw jute on world markets were forecast by manufacturing circles here today as the immediate result of the Indian Government's 50 per cent cut in the export duty on hessian.

They expect that the lower hessian duty will stimulate the demand from Indian mills for the raw material and that the mills will continue working a 48-hour week.

Indian mills have been forced to sell hessian abroad at uneconomical prices to compete with other producers unhindered by export duties, these circles point out.

It is expected here that the more reasonable prices eventually quoted for jute goods will help to restore their popularity. Consumers, especially in the United States, will then have greater confidence in buying their forward requirements on a larger scale, it is held.

American consumption fell heavily last year as users turned increasingly to cotton goods and paper which were cheaper and more easily obtainable than jute.

#### BRITISH PRICE

Lower prices for jute goods should also make Pakistan more willing to sell its jute crop at lower prices, Dundee manufacturers said.

Dundee is not affected by the lower hessian duty at the moment as the Government is the sole importer and fixes prices. But British prices must fall eventually, it is held, because the prices of raw jute and jute goods shipped from Calcutta have fallen considerably since last May when British prices were last fixed.

The reduction in the duty was not unexpected here in view of the Indian mill's recent statement to the Government that unless the duty was reduced they would have to cut output further.

The reduction represents about three-pence half-penny per yard on jute cloth in Dundee.—Reuter.

## US Diplomat Cleared

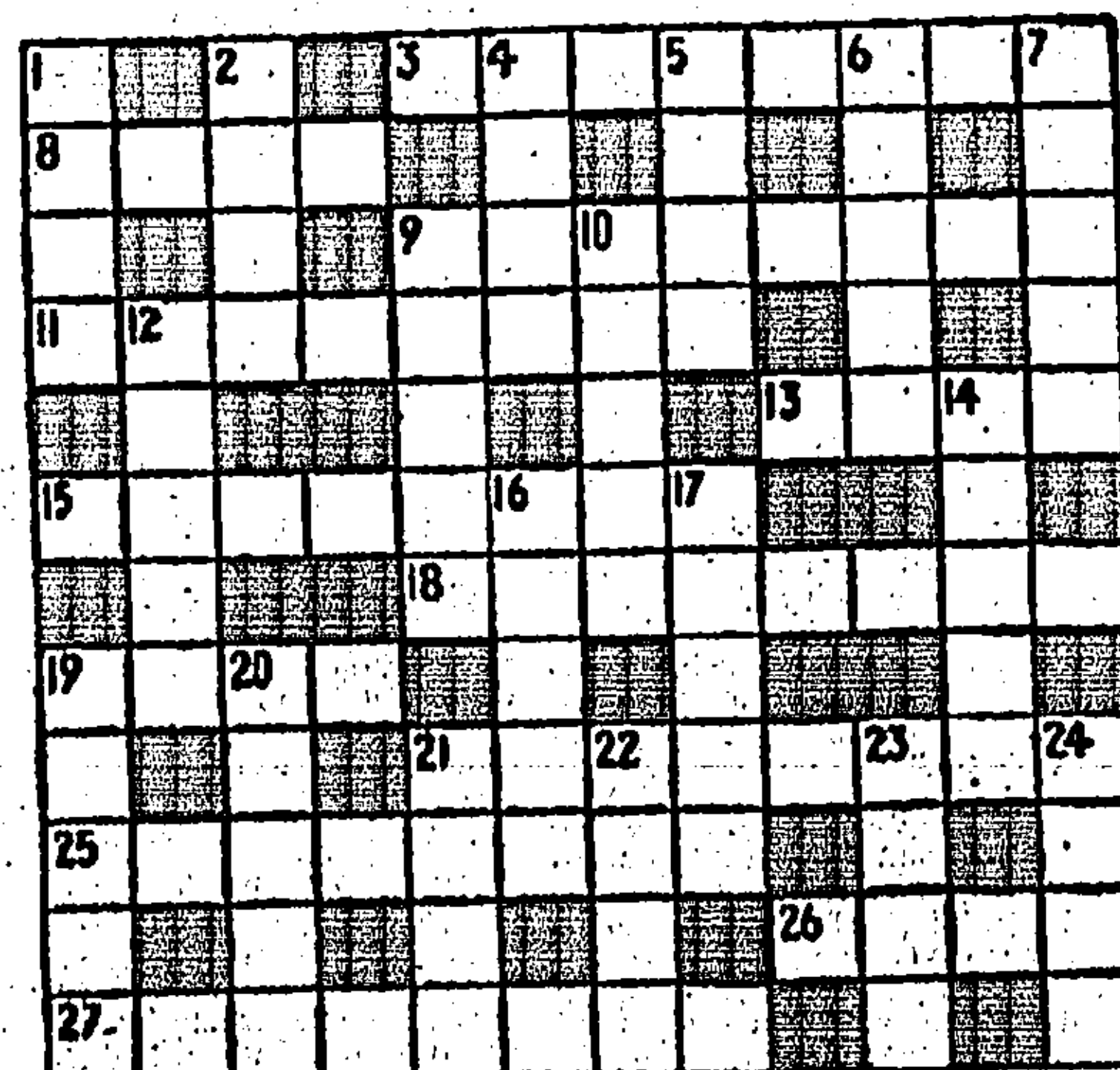
Washington, Feb. 19. A former head of the State Department's Division of Far Eastern Affairs, Mr. John Carter Vincent, has been cleared of all charges.

The announcement followed investigations by the State Department's security board into charges that Mr. Vincent had advocated a pro-Communist policy while he was at the head of the Far Eastern Affairs Division.

The charges were levelled by Senator Joseph McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin.

Mr. Vincent is due to leave for Tangiers where he has been appointed United States diplomatic agent.—France-Press.

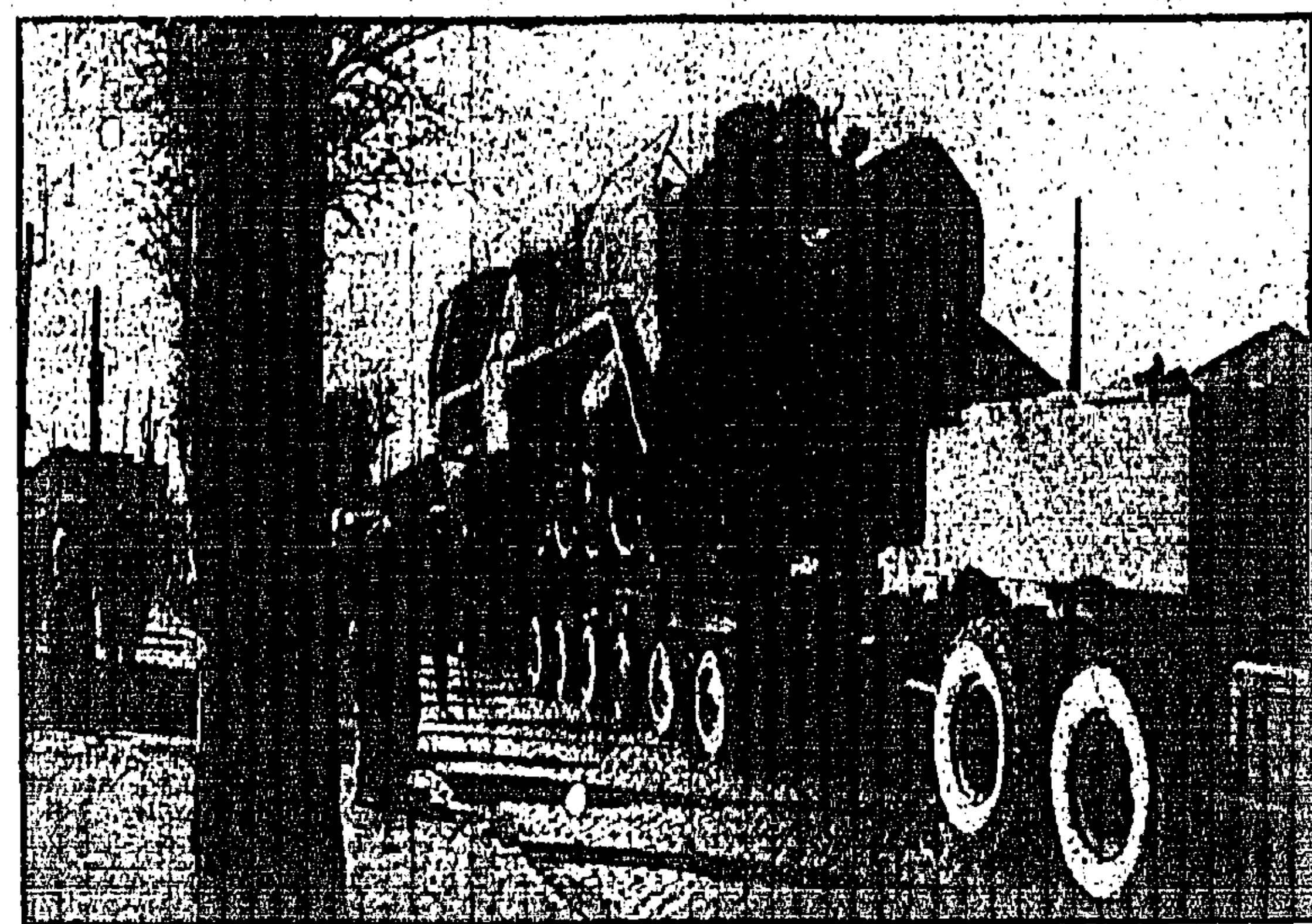
### A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 3 NCO (8)
  - 8 Expressions (4)
  - 9 Revoked (6)
  - 11 Joined together (8)
  - 13 Lazy (4)
  - 15 Soldier (6)
  - 18 Consoling (8)
  - 19 Spare (4)
  - 21 Garment (8)
  - 23 Mockery (8)
  - 26 Avoid (4)
  - 27 Outling (8)
- DOWN**
- 1 Stylish (4)
  - 2 Fate (4)
  - 4 Portent (4)
  - 6 Particoloured (4)
  - 8 Reigned (5)
  - 7 Shelf (5)
  - 9 Ascends (6)
  - 10 Part of a flower (5)
  - 12 Suppose (3)
  - 14 Material (5)
  - 16 Enslaved (6)
  - 17 Unpleasant (6)
  - 19 Supply (5)
  - 20 Diminish (8)
  - 21 Opening (4)
  - 22 Stupely (4)
  - 23 Repetition of sound (4)
  - 24 Very small (4)

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD:** Across—1. Forced, 4. Rover, 7. Nominate, 8. Fades, 9. Latent, 11. Inroads, 13. Durance, 15. Gussied, 18. Cling, 19. Greenery, 21. Trouble, Down—1. Final, 2. Child, 3. Domicile, 4. Theater, 5. Windings, 6. Stakes, 10. Terrible, 12. Mosaic, 13. Dock, 14. Mosaic, 16. Stage, 17. Thyme.

## This Locomotive Has To Travel By Road



The locomotive above is one of 24 built in France for the Brazilian railways. It was constructed in Nantes and is shown being taken by road to Brittany for trials. It has to go by road because Brazil's gauge is different from that at Nantes and the only corresponding gauge in France is on a small local line in Brittany.—France-Press Picture.

## World Jamboree In Britain?

London, Feb. 19. The British Boy Scouts' Association have proposed to the International body that a combined world Rover Mees and Scout Jamboree be held in Britain during the summer of 1957.

Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, was born in 1857, and the first Scout camp—an experimental one for 20 boys—was held in 1907.

A Jamboree in this country in 1957 would thus celebrate the centenary of the founder and the Jubilee of Scouting.—Reuter.

## Strike Call In Malta

Valletta, Feb. 19. A strike for higher wages by all employees of the three Defence Departments here is scheduled to start next Friday, a spokesman for the Admiralty Section of the Clerical Workers' Union told a meeting of employees here today.

The Admiralty has offered the workers a six shillings rise back-dated from July 1, 1951, and a further four shillings from January 1, 1952.

The spokesman told today's meeting that his union was abstaining by the decision of a Malta Arbitration Tribunal, which recently awarded Government employees a 14 shillings increase in the cost of living bonus.

The union has declined an Admiralty offer to send a three-man delegation to study the question and called on all workers "to stand united in the national protest".—Reuter.

## Soldier Alleges Use Of Obsolete Guns In Korea

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 19.

A returned combat veteran said today that howitzers used by US troops in Korea are old and obsolete and that four of his comrades lost their lives when one of the big guns exploded.

Robert E. Lansdell Jr., a sergeant in Memphis' 196th Field Artillery Battalion, said some of the 155 mm howitzers used in Korea were carried over from the last war.

Lansdell told the Memphis Press-Scimitar in an interview. "When we asked Ordnance to replace a gun, Ordnance just offered another old gun in exchange, so we decided to keep the ones we had."

In Washington, the Army said it knows of few accidents in Korea caused by guns exploding. Army Ordnance explained that its World War II howitzers, which form the bulk of American artillery in the Far East, have a normal life of 15,000 rounds, but several months ago the Eighth Army was told to reduce use of gun barrels to 4,000 rounds.

An Army spokesman said US artillery in Korea has been fired at an extremely high rate, far beyond that envisaged when the guns were built.

Not only have US howitzers been fired rapidly but the rate of fire has been sustained for long periods. He also said that abnormally heavy charges have been used because the purpose of American artillery in Korea has been to keep the enemy from coming to grips.

**"TERRIFIC SERVICE"**  
Lansdell said two Memphis members of the 196th, Corporal Joel Troy and Corporal James Beeman, were killed when the howitzers they were firing at the Reds exploded.

"I was lying wire around the gun emplacements at the time. Two other men were killed by the same explosion."

He was also on the scene, Lansdell said, when another howitzer exploded and seriously wounded a gunner.

Lansdell told of the terrific service required of the guns. "Sometimes the gun crew worked on double shifts, firing 24 hours a day."

The gun that killed the Memphisians, he said, had fired 150,000 rounds, sometimes 700 per night.

Major John O. Frerichs, Executive Officer of the 196th and also back from Korea, declined comment on Lansdell's statement.

"Now, that's something I can't talk about," he said. "If I were out (of the Army) I could talk about it. But I'm still in."—Associated Press.

## Lisbon Agrees To New Title

Lisbon, Feb. 19.

The Portuguese Government has agreed to the appointment of Mohammed el Faid Fattah Bey as the new Minister to Lisbon from "The King of Egypt and the Sudan". It was announced here today.

A communiqué said, "This agreement has no political significance as regards the Sudan."—Reuter.

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## "HUK CAMPAIGN WILL BE ENDED WITHIN YEAR"

### Officer's Prediction

Washington, Feb. 19.

One of the outstanding fighters against the Hukbalahap rebels in the Philippines predicted today that the military campaign against the guerrillas will be completed successfully within this year.

Lieutenant-Colonel Napoleon Valeriano, the military leader who broke the back of the Huk movement in Bulacan Province, told newsmen that the Huks now number only about 5,000, compared with an estimated 63,000 at the height of their movement in 1946.

He predicted that by the end of this year the remaining Huks will either be killed, scattered or captured.

Col. Valeriano is here for the study of American military methods under provisions of the United States military aid agreement with the Philippines.

The soldier, whose fame as the leader of the Filipino Seventh and 22nd Battalion Combat Teams against the Huks has spread beyond his country, said the Philippines is increasing its armed forces for internal defence as quickly as available equipment will permit.

His country had thousands of men trained in military matters, who would re-enter service when facilities were available.

#### SOME APPREHENSION

Col. Valeriano stressed that the United States by "extending its military aid as rapidly as possible, is making possible the improvement of our internal security."

The youthful Colonel said the Philippines was apprehensive that the Korean war may spread to larger dimensions, but added: "The majority of our people favour stronger methods there in hope that a favourable decision will be achieved."

Col. Valeriano praised the accomplishment of his country's forces in Korea, saying, "We would like to increase our forces there, but lack of equipment prevents it."

The officer said he wanted to return to the Philippines as soon as possible to resume the campaign against the Huks.—Associated Press.

#### U.S. ARMS AID

Washington, Feb. 19. The Philippine Ambassador, General Carlos P. Romulo, today visited US State Department offices, and later told a newsmen, "We discussed military aid."

Gen. Romulo declined to give details of his talks with the Under-Secretary of State, James Webb, and the Assistant Secretary, John Allison, in charge of the Department's Far East Affairs.

The Philippine Ambassador was guest of honour at a luncheon of the US Government's Inter-Departmental Committee. This Committee is composed of representatives of the numerous departments which play a prominent role in formulating various projects within the Government's relations with foreign nations.—Associated Press.

#### Artists' Survey

New York, Feb. 19. Seven foreign young artists arrived here today to survey art, music and the theatre throughout the United States.

They include M. Jacques Charon, of the Comedie Francaise in Paris, and John Siophanellis of Greece.

Their three-months' visit is part of a cultural exchange programme sponsored by the Institute of International Education.—Reuter.

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## MR. SMITH GOES TO LENINGRAD

Concluding article by John Smith, the British tourist in Russia

# TRAILED...AND A GAME OF (RED) HIDE & SEEK

FROM Moscow I decided to go to Leningrad. I got the permission of the correct Ministry for the journey—comparable to getting the permission of Whitehall for a trip from London to Edinburgh.

My companion and I arrived very late in Leningrad, spent the night in a modern hotel full of asphalt, and set off next morning by car for the Imperial palace at Tsarskoe Selo, now renamed Pushkin.

It was a curious day, of bright, cold sun, spent amongst the ruins, real and artificial, of the Great Palace and park. Silt trenches from the German war still ran among the follies and pavilions.

All day we were followed by a couple in ordinary clothes; if we set out on foot, they followed on foot; if we rounded on our heels, they plunged into the bushes; if we embarked in our car, another car slid out of a side turning and brought them after us.

On one occasion, to our delight, a level crossing closed behind us and in front of them—but their car was not even forced to a halt; they swerved to the left, and the crossing-keeper's box, exchanged some sign, and the gates were raised in front of the oncoming train.

The next day—after an evening in a cellar, during which we were mistaken for Latvians, drank innumerable healths to Peace and to our children (we were both bachelors as we explained to no avail), and saw one fellow-diner thrown out by one by the police—we decided to visit Peterhof—Leningrad's summer resort on the south shore of the Gulf of Finland. We took a taxi to the Baltic Station.

## She followed

AS we mounted the steps, a car swung into the station yard with a face pressed at us through a side window. My companion joined the queue for tickets. As he reached the head of the queue, a lady in her thirties—the sort of governess one would expect for rowdy children—with an iron-coloured bun and wearing a grey square-cut coat and skirt, sauntered up and paused immediately behind him. She followed him as he left the window and read the tickets over his shoulder.

A train was just leaving. We sprinted seventy yards in even time, and leapt aboard; in our ignorance of what women can do, we felt convinced our governess must have missed it. Accordingly, just before reaching the station at Old Peterhof, we decided not to get out, but to go on to Oranienbaum, another summer resort, 25 miles west of Leningrad, containing a former Imperial palace.

observer could have seen that we did not intend to get out—a military policeman entered the carriage and announced in a loud voice that the train was now about to proceed into a forbidden zone, and that all those without passes must descend.

The passengers were surprised, and shuffled towards the exit, grumbling that this had never happened to them on this line before. The militiaman then came straight up to us, demanded our papers—and the passengers, instantly spotting what was afoot, returned quietly to their places.

## We pretended

WE pretended not to understand the militiaman (although any child could have done so). And by the time we had recovered surprise, indignation and stubbornness, the train had moved on. The militiaman stood between us, and after five embarrassing minutes, the train stopped—not to our disappointment, at Oranienbaum, but at a tiny wayside halt.

The militiaman shoved us off the train with quite unnecessary vigour, and stood with us on the platform. No one else got out, and the train went on its way.

After twenty minutes or so a train appeared from Oranienbaum to take us back the way we had come. The militiaman saw us into it and waited until it left. Five minutes later we were back at Old Peterhof. Three people got out of the train—ourselves and the governess. We were astounded and impressed at this conjuring trick; how she had contrived, after missing one train, to be on another coming from the opposite direction at a station to which we had not bought a ticket, I cannot to this day conjecture.

It was some way to the palace of Peterhof, and we wondered whether perhaps we might not walk her off her feet. It was a fine day, with a fresh breeze, and we stepped out with vigour down a long, straight road. Our governess dwindled to a dot and disappeared.

Presently we came to the boundary fence of the palace gardens. We saw a small hole in the fence. We climbed through and were in the gardens.

## No reply

AFTER walking over a mile to the very far end of the gardens, we found a little wicket gate in the fence, through which we emerged. There was no sign of the governess. We crossed a pasture, went through the old Imperial stables (built of red brick in English Tudor style) and came into the village street. To reach the station, we walked to a nearby bus stop. Finally a bus arrived, we climbed aboard, and, as it gathered way, the familiar grey car came out of a side street and followed a hundred yards or so behind.

We arrived at the station and the sleuths parked their car behind some bushes.

Presently a train for Oranienbaum came in. We rose from our bench and mingled with the passengers leaving and entering the train, but we did not board it. Then we hid on the platform, in a rather half-hearted way. When the train had gone, we crossed the line and waited on the Leningrad platform.

The result of this manoeuvre was that no train entered the station from either direction for an hour and a quarter, and the station became gradually crowded with grumbling Russians, but I happened to do not know. I imagine that we had indeed luffed our sleuth on to the Oranienbaum train; that he had been unable to find us aboard it; that he had stopped it to make a thorough search, and that as a result the service had been delayed.

On our return to Leningrad a car followed us to our hotel. That night at the theatre three sleuths followed us during the intervals, and a teller, who recounted stories of Pavlova and Karavina, not to talk to us. Our governess occupied the seat immediately behind ours. At the end we asked her if she liked the ballet, but she could not reply.

## Closer, closer....

NEXT morning we took a taxi and asked it to drive round the town, so that we might see the sights.

The driver instantly fell in behind three tanks, and followed them for nearly two miles through the streets, while out of the back window we could observe our carload of sleuths getting closer and closer.

Towards evening we tried to hire a taxi for a last drive down the Fontanka. The driver regretted he was engaged, but at that moment his fare, a short and stocky army officer, appeared with his wife, and asked us what he could do for us. We told him, and he professed himself delighted to drive us round. We must see the people's park of rest and culture.

We set off with our sleuths behind, and soon arrived at the park, through which ran a network of winding roads. The officer's wife kept changing her mind about which road she wished to follow; and, every time we turned our taxi round, the sleuths were forced to reverse their car into the bushes—completely disregarding the Communist notices which said "Keep off the grass; it is yours."

Finally, the officer said, we must visit the stadium on the point, from which a fine view could be had over the Gulf of Finland. We arrived at the gate, got out, and walked towards the entrance.

One of the sleuths followed us inside, and shouted, "There will now be a conducted tour of the stadium." Those Russians who were sitting about rose in a disconcerted way and began to form a group. But our officer said he could not understand the need for a conducted tour; one could see all there was for one.

The conducted group remained below, while we climbed a flight of steps hung with latter-day icons of Lenin, Stalin, and the members of the Politburo, to the summit. The naval base of Kronstadt lay in front, a pair of MIGs were exercising over the marshes to the right, and the docks of Leningrad lay to the left.

We returned to our car, in which the Russian officer's wife had remained. She had either spotted that we were being followed, or had been spoken to by the sleuths, since she at once became rather querulous and complained that it was not safe to show us things. The officer said that it was all nonsense, that one must be hospitable, and we drove off through the park.

Presently he and his wife left us and we continued back to the centre of Leningrad with our sleuths. At the station they followed us on to the platform, through the waiting crowds and saw us safely aboard the Red Arrow—Russia's crack express which took us, at a steady thirty miles an hour in a pre-1914 sleeping car, back to Moscow.

# SITTING ON THE FENCE

By . . . Nathaniel Gubbins

THE war between walkers and motorists is almost as bitter and primitive as the war between men and women. There are two schools of thought on the question. One believes that all motorists are devils and all walkers are angels.

The other believes that all motorists are angels and all walkers are devils. It depends on whether you are driving a car or dodging one.

I am inclined to the theory that most of them are neither angels nor devils, but just plain idiots.

Therefore, when framing new regulations, the obvious thing is to invite the aid of a mental specialist who will certify the lot, walkers and motorists, and leave the country safe for sane loners who hate walking and driving and merely want to eat, sleep, drink, and lounge about.

## Stuffing a colonel

A COLONEL (I have forgotten his name) living somewhere in England has probably made himself extremely unpopular with animal lovers by stating that stuffed cats placed in a field scare away crows better than anything.

I suppose I shall be unpopular with colonel lovers if I suggest that stuffed colonels would be even better.

In appearance they are much more frightening than cats, especially if you can get hold of those with luminous noses.

They are also far less useful than cats because, although frequently haunted by mice, they cannot catch them.

They cost more to keep, and are regarded as pests by almost everybody.

The cost of stuffing a colonel is about £10, including caviar and champagne.

## Budget forecast

IF all the words I write each year to the officials of the Inland Revenue explaining why I shouldn't pay something I don't owe were collected and printed as funny articles in newspapers or magazines, they would not only be funnier than most funny articles in newspapers and magazines, but I should also earn twice as much money and thus increase the national revenue.

## Not only ducks

Women begin to waddle at the age of 60.—Profound observation in woman's page.

EVER since the child could toddle she had been inclined to waddle. Though lessons in deportment later kept her just a little straighter.

Middle-aged, the birth of twins sent her rocking on her pins. She wobbled so that folks, of course,

Nicknamed her "The Rocking Horse." Now, at the age of fifty-three, she staggers like a ship at sea.

Reeling through the streets at night, a derelict without a light, it's more than one can do, we feel.

To keep her on an even keel, indeed, it's now our fondest hope.

To fit her with a gyroscope.

## Heart to heart—1

GIRLS go on writing to me about their troubles, and I do my best to give them advice. Below is a heartbreaking appeal from "PUZZLED."

"I have been engaged to a boy for seven years. In all that time he has never given me a present or said a kind word."

"The last time I saw him, about two years ago, he was very rude to my mother, and when I reminded him of his promise he flew into a violent rage."

"Since then he has left the neighbourhood, and only wrote to me once, asking for a loan of ten shillings. Do you think he wants to settle down?"

Possibly, but certainly not with you, dear.

## Heart to heart—2

FOR some reason I cannot hope to explain, a young woman, signing herself "WORRIED," has written the following "I am very anxious to get married, and wonder if you could help me?" "I am only 42, 10ins. and a bit on the dumpy side. My hair is wavy, and my face always comes out in red patches when I am excited. I am also double-jointed, and the dentist says my teeth are loose. My boy says it would be all right if I didn't giggle and laugh so much."

Well, "Worried," yours is a rather difficult case. Does your boy mean that your teeth are less likely to drop out if you keep your mouth shut, or what?

Curiously enough, some men prefer double-jointed women, and I should draw his attention as much as possible to what appears to be your outstanding charm.

Snap your thumbs back at him occasionally, and when bathing this summer do a few little tricks with your toes.

You should certainly try to avoid the giggling and laughing. After all you don't seem to have much to laugh at, do you, dear?

(—London Express Service)

# IKE'S BACK-ROOM BOYS PLUNGED INTO GLOOM

From R. M. MacCOLL

WASHINGTON. THE broad smile on the huge photo of General Eisenhower that hangs from the wall of his campaign headquarters in Washington has found few counterparts among his political managers and backers.

For they were stunned by word from Paris that the general has decided not to doff his uniform and return to America to do any electioneering before the Republican Convention in July.

He will not make any speeches, and he will not even appear before a Congressional committee.

This news cast the back-room boys into deep gloom. They know well that rival Senator Taft, by sheer hard plugging back and forth across the country, has recently been winning quite a lot of ground.

The senator believes in "ringing the door bells." And they had been counting on General Eisenhower to do a bit of the same.

consulate-general in Detroit to the status of a mere consulate. And, acknowledging the terrific postwar boom and growth of the far Pacific Northwest, he will simultaneously up her consulate in Seattle to a consulate-general.

TRADE with Russia, worth \$25,000,000 in 1938, is down to a mere trickle of \$2,000 in the first 11 months of 1951. Comments on big New York exporter: "It is so small you could just about stuff it into an old caviar tin."

AS HOST at a lunch in the Congress building for a group of his farming constituents, Senator Lister Hill of Alabama suggested that everybody should rise one at a time and identify themselves. All went smoothly until it came to the turn of fellow Senator George Aiken of Vermont, who is renowned for his modesty. Said he: "My name's Aiken, and I work in the building here."

THE ARMY reveals that one out of every 100 men joining uses an assumed name. Roman rings a front window. It shed embarrasments of villainous life to attempting to cover up a previous dishonourable discharge.

TAXES last year totalling \$35,000,000, an increase of \$12,000,000 over 1950, reduced the net income of the National Steel Corporation to \$10,173,000, compared with the record \$20,048,000 earned the year before.

now the Green Office — have decided to abandon their traditional policy of silence when sacked. From now they will answer back to any criticism.

IN JACKSON, Mississippi, Soto Mental Hospital officials proudly admit that they have sacked "the most brilliant psychiatrist in the South." He was Vincent Dwyer, of Detroit, who arrived with a bushel of diplomas from Oxford, Bern, and elsewhere, and proceeded to establish a terrific reputation. Alas, all the diplomas were written by Vincent himself.

NEAR MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Sheriff's deputies "Sid Hall" and "F. F. Hewitt" saw a hog exhibiting the classic signs of advanced drunkenness. Deciding to snap about a bit, the officers discovered a nearby illicit still full of "moonshine."

PRESIDENT TRUMAN takes reporters with him on a personally conducted tour of the renovated White House into which the Truman hope to move back in April.

And, recalling that just before they moved out the bath tub almost fell through the floor into the drawing room, into which the Truman hope to move back in April.

Added the chuckling President: "Mrs. Truman didn't think it at all funny, and wanted to clear my desk."

SIGNS OF THE TIMES: Britain is seen to decorate her

THE HOLLYWOOD CENSORS: King betrays his true and











## This Snooker Record Will Not Be Broken

London, Feb. 19. Clark McConachy, of New Zealand, the World Billiards Champion, made a break of 147—the highest ever recorded in the history of the game—during a snooker match at the Beaufort Club here today.

This great run was made on a table reserved for professionals and consisted of 15 reds, 15 blacks and all the colours—the maximum possible for scoring. McConachy's effort followed a break of 146 made by Joe Davis in Manchester in 1950.

McConachy is to play Horace Lindrum, of Australia, for the World Professional Snooker title over 148 frames at Manchester, beginning next Monday.—Reuter.

## WEEK-END HOCKEY

The following are the League fixtures in the Ladies' League, and in both divisions of the Men's League for Saturday, Sunday, February 23rd and 24th.

**LADIES' LEAGUE**  
Saturday, Feb. 23.  
Charmis "A" vs. Greenlins "B" at Police Ground at 2.30 p.m. Umpires: G. T. Palmer, C. Blackburn.

Sunday, Feb. 24.  
KGV "A" vs. Dorians at KGV at 2.30 p.m. Umpires: A. M. Jorgé da Silva, J. B. Gonsalves, Little Flowers vs. University at CBA Ground at 2.30 p.m. Umpires: CPO Gilbert, J. Baptista.

Recreo vs. KGV "B" at Recreo at 2.30 p.m. Umpires: Maj. Sasson, Cpl. Blowers.

**MEN'S FIRST DIVISION**  
Sunday, Feb. 24.  
Argonauts "A" vs. RAF at Police Ground at 2.30 p.m. Umpires: W.O. Noxon, C. H. Gurevitch HKIG vs. Recreo "A" on RN at 10.30 a.m. Umpires: W.O. KGM, Smith, W.O. L. L. L.

Police vs. Royal Navy at Police Ground at 3.30 p.m. Umpires: F/S. Leigh, Sgt. Davies.

Thunderbolts vs. University at CBA ground at 3.30 p.m. Umpires: P. F. Xavier, J. C. Marcal.

**MEN'S SECOND DIVISION**  
Saturday, Feb. 23.  
IKAAF vs. Argonauts "B" at CBA ground at 3.00 p.m. Umpires: Chief Writter Lloyd, Mickey Ram.

Sunday, Feb. 24.  
Dutch vs. Nav Bharat on RN at 10.30 a.m. Umpires: QMSI David, Kishin Lall.

Nau Jawan vs. Nomads at CBA ground at 10.30 a.m. Umpires: Capt. Senton, A. Aziz Malik.

Recreo "B" vs. YMCA at Recreo at 10.30 a.m. Umpires: W.O. Padley, S.Sgt. Pithcher.

Will any teams or umpires unable to meet these fixtures please inform Inst. Lt. T. Chamberlain, Tel. 58038 immediately.

## Towel Ready To Fight Willie Pep

Johannesburg, South Africa, Feb. 19.

World Bantamweight Champion Vic Towel said tonight he is ready to meet America's Willie Pep in a featherweight bout "if the price is right."

Towel learned today that South African promoters had abandoned plans for him to meet French Bantamweight Champion Maurice Sanderson in an overweight fight because of a difference over terms.

The Transvaal Sporting Club announced it was ready to promote a Towel-Pep bout in Johannesburg later this year.—Associated Press.

## NSW WINS SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Sydney, Feb. 19. New South Wales played like a Test team today to beat South Australia by an innings and 10 runs and thus win the Sheffield Shield.

With only one match left to play in the Shield, New South Wales have 27 points, while Victoria and South Australia will fight it out for second place ahead of Queensland in the remaining game.

Despite Lindwall's inability to bowl because of a leg injury, N.S.W. attack was strong and accurate and after they had scored 428 in reply to South Australia's 159, dismissed them again for 259.

Phil Ridding, South Australian captain, gave a courageous display in hitting 103 but received little support from the other batsmen except the Test wicket-keeper, Gilbert Langley, who was 23 not out at the close.

Ridding was the only one to deal effectively with Walker who, bowling at top speed, was warned by the umpire for body-line tactics.

Jim DeCourcy, N.S.W. right hander, hit his first century in first class cricket and was top scorer with 114. He also reached 1,000 runs in Shield cricket. Standings (with only the Victoria-South Australia match to be played):

New South Wales, 27 points; Queensland 15; South Australia 13; Victoria, 10; Western Australia, 3.—Reuter.

### MATCH ABANDONED

Auckland, Feb. 19. Five hours of heavy rain this morning caused the abandonment of the final day's play in the second Test between New Zealand and the West Indies, and the match was drawn.

At the close yesterday, New Zealand needed 369 runs to make the West Indies bat again, having lost one second innings wicket for 17 runs after following on 388 runs behind.

They were 160 in their first innings in reply to the West Indies 540 for six declared.

West Indies won the first Test five wickets.

Scores: Indies, 1st Innings 540 for 6 declared; New Zealand, 2nd Innings 160 not out.

Leggitt, not out; Emery, C. Walcott, B. Atkinson, Sutcliffe, not out.

Extra (Total for 1 wk.) 17.—Reuter.

## Teddy Gardner To Fight Terry Allen

Hartlepool, Feb. 19.

Teddy Gardner, 30-year-old new European Flyweight Champion, will begin training next week for a British title contest with the holder, Terry Allen, at Newcastle-on-Tyne on March 17.

Gardner, who was behind a bar of his West Hartlepool public house today, suffered no ill effects from his European title victory last night, when he knocked out the Frenchman, Louis Soken, in the sixth round in a ring in which he will meet Allen.

Gardner's manager, Abe Shepherd, said today: "If Gardner wins the British title he will go all out for a world championship contest with Dado Marino."

Allen, who begins training at Brighton on Sunday, is reported completely recovered from his recent contest with Maurice Sanderson of France and is in good shape.—Reuter.

## Snooker & Billiards Ch'ship Results

In Colony Snooker Championship matches played last night, Y. C. Hui beat C. L. Chu 3-1, and H.K. Chung defeated W. H. Pritchard 2-1.

C. C. Lam beat S. S. Wong 600-383 in the Colony Billiards Championship. Wong made a break of 78.

Eastern Athletic Association "2" beat the Chargemen's Mess, 4-1, in a George Younger Snooker Championship match.

## ★★★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★★★



Jerry (Gene Kelly) and Lise (Leslie Caron) in the Flower Market of the Madeleine, a scene from "An American in Paris".

## Hollywood Discovers Paris And Turns Out One Of Its Best Musicals

By SUE DAWSON

Judging by the packed houses and the length of its stay, "An American in Paris" would probably be voted by many the best musical to come here in the last twelve months or more, which would be an echo from a number of voices both sides of the Atlantic.

Paris—gay, sparkling, colourful, excitingly mysterious and happy-go-lucky; the Champs Elysees, the Place de la Concorde, the gardens of the Tuilleries, the Rue de la Paix and the famed flower markets of the Madeleine are part of the background for the dancing feet of Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron with a host of others, many created in

Jerry Mulligan's (Gene Kelly) imagination, which reflects the frustrations, joys and miseries that make up the young American painter's life in Paris.

And most of this, especially when Jerry and Lise dance, is young, fresh, lively—enchanted—in the best traditions of American ballet which has more vitality than it has classic style.

### SOMETHING UNIQUE

Something unique is achieved in the settings and costumes. They are, according to Kelly, the choreographic counterpart of what the great French Impressionist painters accomplished in their medium through the use of colour, light and form.

To get this effect, the settings and costumes were done in a way which would seem painted, suggesting the various styles of Van Gogh, Rousseau, Renoir, Utrillo, Dufy and Toulouse

Lautree. One ballet number has nine different scenes, each painted in the style of a famous artist.

Gene Kelly has excelled himself by doing a five-fold job with wonderful success in this film. Besides starring in it, he created the choreography for the musical numbers, directed three dances, co-authored the libretto of the 17-minute ballet—the one with nine different scenes—and he also acted as narrator for the picture.

But the greatest thing he did was to discover Leslie Caron in the Ballet des Champs Elysees. Kelly saw her in her first leading role in that ballet group. That was in 1948 and she was 17, and when he was in Paris looking for a leading lady two years later, he remembered her. This is her first film, and she has a perky, fawn-like face and a fresh, naive charm that is like a breath of young Paris.

It is rather a question whether the story is because of the ballet or the other way round—someone has said that "a little story has just been plastered on top." But on thinking it over, it seems as though Gene Kelly said "We must have a ballet; now this is the best way of bringing it in" and so they created a very simple story in which the dancing and the Gershwin's music fitted like sunshine and summer.

### MUSIC ALL THROUGH

There is music all the way through—George Gershwin's music and Ira Gershwin's lyrics, with Oscar Levant who takes the part of Adam Cook, an indolent student who lives on scholarships and calls himself "the world's oldest protégé," playing the piano to many of the songs.

Jerry lives in a tiny room above the Cafe Huguenot, and Adam lives opposite in a slightly bigger room filled almost entirely with his piano. Adam once worked as accompanist for a French singing star, Henri Baurel (Georges Guetary) who comes to tell him of his plans to marry Lise, an orphan whom he protected during the Occupation, and at the same time Jerry has met Milo Roberts (Nina Foch) a wealthy American addicted to sponsoring impecunious artists and musicians.

And then, while out with Milo, Jerry meets Lise who tells him when he rings her up next morning that "from a small annoyance last night you have grown into a big nuisance" but the Big Nuisance is unabashed and makes a personal call and so the situation gets as complicated as it is delightful to watch.

The only slightly weak part in the whole film is the ending, which is rather too abrupt. Jerry is standing on a balcony overlooking Paris during the Art Student's Ball, and one has been prancing with him in his imagination all over the city in a dream world. Then one emerges there is a brief scene, then: Finis! Perhaps it were better that, but somehow it is all a little too dreamlike, imagination and reality have barely a barrier.

This is a film that will inevitably be compared with other musicals. Counting out the more classical "Red Shoes" and "Tales of Hoffman," "Happy Go Lovely" is the only competitor. But that was London. This is Paris, "An American in Paris," the city of the Seine and little bridges and boulevards; the artist's haven. They are incomparable.

## Valentino Lives Again?

They say that Anthony "Valentino" Dexter is causing the same flutter among women today as did The Great Lover, himself thirty years ago in the Torrid Twenties. And one can believe it; particularly if mothers and aunts and so on have been fulfilling the role which the producers of this picture must have been fairly certain they would play in telling their teenage children of the fabulous glitter which surrounded the name "Valentino," of the magnetism and blazing appeal with which he was ignited and conveyed instantaneously to almost every woman who had seen him in a picture or even heard his name.

The very things he touched were invested with magic for countless millions in those days of silent, flickery films. Nothing can be quite like that again—nothing so universal. For one thing, the times are not the gay, carefree, dancing, extravagant years in which Valentino spent £1,700 a year on shirts alone.

In spite of what the advertisements say, Rudolph Valentino (Rafaela Pierce Kilbert Gulleim) di Valentina, as he was christened, does not live again. His meteoric career was slashed by appendicitis in 1926, and it was death for Valentino.

Anthony Dexter, who was discovered after ten years of searching, is some discovery, it must be admitted; he has much of the looks and many of the qualities of the great "Rudy," but not quite the same shaped face, not the strong lines or fine features and not the air of sup-

pressed fire, arrogant suavity, which blazed in "The Sheik."

Anthony Dexter has fuller lips, rounder features and a face that looks as though it may run to fat. Nevertheless, he is a good copy of the original, and acts very well indeed.

### THREE GIRLS ONLY

It would be impossible, of course, to bring all Valentino's girls into the picture, so there are only three. Two who loved him and one whom he loved—really loved. Eleanor Parker is Joan Carlisle, the film star, who plays a sort of composite Valentino heroine, and keeps Rudy at bay from the time she meets him when he is a dancer on board a ship America-bound from Italy, until one is well into the picture.

This provides a chance for the inevitable Valentino wooing to come into play. When Rudy makes it known that he has no intention of marrying her (marriage is not for Great Lovers), Joan goes off to an old friend—William King (Richard Carlson)—director of her films, and Valentino is obliged to act as her best man.

He later regrets the chance he missed—but surely Valentino never regretted anything. Anyway, the real Valentino did apparently have "a stab at marriage" as the record is worded.

In "The Sheik" Rudy and Joan Carlisle (the 1926 girl was Vilma Banky) were forced into a love scene that one can imagine sent the audiences of the twenties back to see the film again and again.

Unfortunately, we used to two and a half decades of sizzling Hollywood love-making, are more or less hardboiled to this sort of thing, but watching the scenes being shot and the circumstances of the story make the scene an important one here as well.

### RELENTLESS VORACITY

A good character in the film is a very typical Hollywood newspaperman—how they must be hated—portraying the whole relentless voracity of The Press.

Valentino, in the throes of appendicitis, comes to grips with this mania when it has just recorded a situation which would look particularly sensational in print.

Whether the battle which follows to save the reputation of the girl he loves is absolutely authentic, one must discover by delving into the memories of those who know—the mothers, aunts and so on. If it is, then

this was about the greatest conquest: that the Great Lover ever made.

Being a sort of "review" of his life, this must be a composite picture, and for all those things which are omitted, there may possibly be a few added. It is



Rudolph Valentino—1926



Anthony "Valentino" Dexter—1951

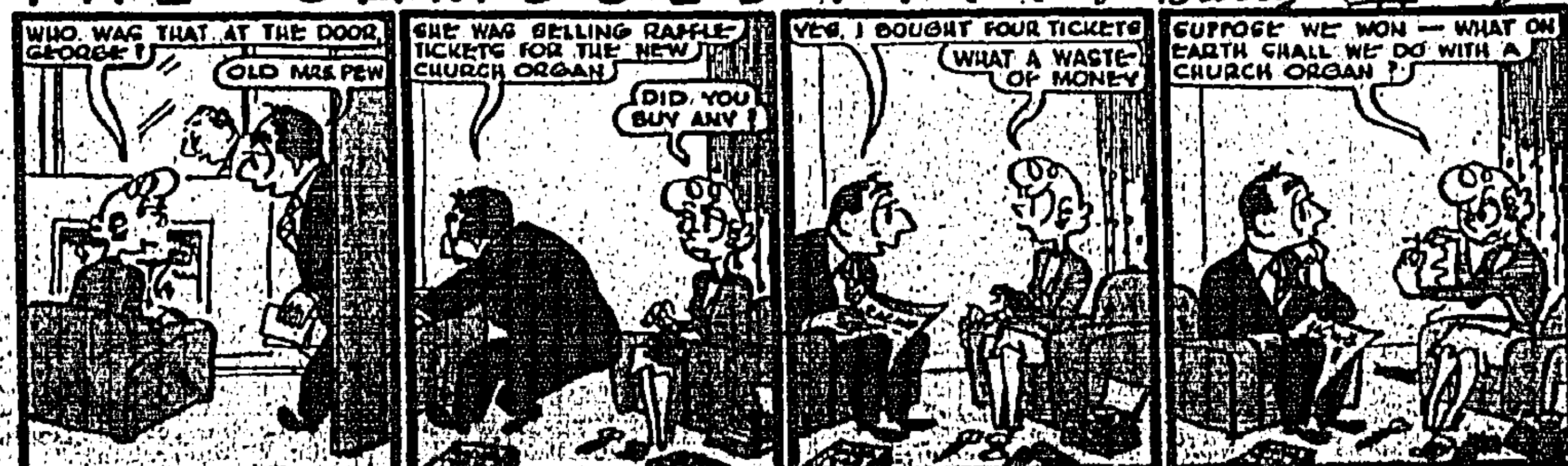
always difficult filming the life of a celebrity sometime after his death, not only because a very partial view of the person concerned is all that can be given, but because the film hero's personality is bound to be the one that is eventually remembered by the greatest number of people.

It is fortunate that the hero in this does to quite an extent resemble Rudolph Valentino himself, and whether or not the film is worthy of such an exotic personality, it does at least perpetuate some of the vitality, glamour and extraordinary fascination reflected in the golden aura which surrounded him.

—SUE DAWSON



## THE GAMBOLS





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| "FOYANG"    | Djakarta, Semarang & Sourabaya | 3 p.m. 23rd Feb.  |
| "HUNAN"     | Bangkok                        | 10 a.m. 25th Feb. |
| "SHENGKING" | Tientsin                       | 10 a.m. 26th Feb. |
| "SOOCHOW"   | Keelung                        | 5 p.m. 27th Feb.  |
|             | Yokohama                       |                   |
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| "TAIYUAN"   | Sydney                                           | 11th Mar. |
| "TAIPING"   | Sydney & Melbourne                               | 26th Mar. |

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| "TAIPING"     | Australia & Manila | 3rd Mar.  |
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| "PELEUS"      | Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow               | 6th Mar.         |
| "CLYTONEUS"   | Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg via Manila | 22nd Mar.        |
| "ANCHISES"    | Dublin & Liverpool                            | 26th Mar.        |

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|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Sails                          | Arrives   |           |
| "ANTILLOCHUS"                  | Liverpool | 25th Feb. |
| "CYCLOPS"                      | do        | 1st Mar.  |
| "PELEUS"                       | do        | 11th Mar. |
| "CLYTONEUS"                    | do        | 17th Mar. |
| "ANCHISES"                     | do        | 24th Mar. |
| "ASTYANAX"                     | 18th Feb. | 24th Mar. |
| "AEneas"                       | 25th Feb. | 1st Apr.  |
| "ASCANIUS"                     | 5th Mar.  | 10th Apr. |
| "PERSEUS"                      | 12th Mar. | 17th Apr. |
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| "BENVENUE"    | Japan              | 25th Feb.            |
| "BENATTOW"    | U.K. via Singapore | on or abt. 31st Mar. |
| "BENLEUCI"    | U.K. via Singapore | 18th Apr.            |
| "BENCRUACHAN" | Japan              | 24th Apr.            |
| "BENMACDHUI"  | U.K. via Singapore | 25th Apr.            |

## SAILINGS

| SHIPS         | TO                                                            | DATE      |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| "BENAVON"     | Kure, Yokohama & Kobe                                         | 24th Feb. |
| "BENVENUE"    | Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Hull | 25th Feb. |
| "BENATTOW"    | Avonmouth, London & Hamburg                                   | 21st Mar. |
| "BENAVON"     | Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Hull | 26th Mar. |
| "BENLEUCI"    | Kure, Yokohama & Kobe                                         | 5th Apr.  |
| "BENCRUACHAN" | Avonmouth, Liverpool, Glasgow & Antwerp                       | 12nd Apr. |
| "BENMACDHUI"  | Direct to Singapore, thence London & Hull                     | 14th Apr. |
| "BENMACDHUI"  | Kure, Yokohama & Kobe                                         | 18th Apr. |

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- (1) the steam tug "Carmen Moller" of HONG KONG REGISTRY Official Number 171184, Gross tonnage 382.41 tons, Register tonnage 107.74 tons,
- (2) the motor tug "Alficia Moller" of HONG KONG REGISTRY Official Number 172812, Gross tonnage 78.89 tons, Register tonnage 9.11 tons, and
- (3) the motor tug "Minnie Moller" of HONG KONG REGISTRY Official Number 172817, Gross tonnage 78.89 tons, Register tonnage 9.11 tons,

heretofore owned by The Hong Kong Salvage & Towage Co., Ltd., for permission to change their names to—

- (1) "Castle Hill",
- (2) "Castle Mount", and
- (3) "Castle Point", respectively

and to have them registered in the new names at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by The Hong Kong Salvage & Towage Company, Limited.

Any objection to the proposed change of names must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at HONG KONG the 18th day of February 1952.

THE HONG KONG SALVAGE &amp; TOWAGE CO., LTD.

J. R. E. HARRISON,

Secretary.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per

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Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Consignee's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on the 23rd February, 1952.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have Revenue Officer's attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 24th February, 1952, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter or the Consignee's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, or they will not be recognized.

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Hongkong, 17th February, 1952.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 23rd February, 1952, at 10 a.m. by Surveyors: Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer's attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 19th March, 1952, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.

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Agents.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1952.

# Fire Among Books Sets A Puzzle

London, Feb. 19.

A city company's books were badly burned in an office fire the day after an audit began. At an inquiry the firm's directors were questioned about the woman books-keeper and a former man employee who was said to have been refused a loan.

The fire was at the premises of L. P. Wade and Sons, in Albion Buildings, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on January 8. Mr. Milner Helme, the City of London coroner, told the jury arson was suspected.

One director, Mr. G. L. C. Wade, said he knew of no past or present employee who might be disgruntled or spiteful against the firm.

An audit clerk said his first task was to reconstruct the books. The coroner said the important factor was whether the books were in order or not. He added:

"If there is arson, like murder or manslaughter, one looks for motive, and when people are dealing with books the usual motive is that the books are in a muddle."

## LOAN REFUSED

"If the books were in order three may not seem to be a motive. If they are out of order there may be a very good reason for someone to destroy them."

Mr. Wade agreed a former packer and warehouseman named George Buckley—who left of his own accord about the beginning of the war—recently asked his father for a loan, but was refused.

Mr. Leonard Percy Wade, managing director, said he had not been to the premises since he retired last October. He had always trusted Miss Rosina Graves, who had been book-keeper for 15 years. He had promised her some shares.

Both Mr. L. P. Wade and Mr. G. L. C. Wade said they did not know Miss Graves had been destroying returned cheques promptly instead of keeping them a while.

The inquiry was adjourned until March 3.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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London, Feb. 19.

A former Liverpool policeman who spent 10 of his 31 years' service on "market patrol," said in court that his "perks" from people connected with the market were £1,000 in five years.

"Fifty-six-year-old Harry Thomas, of Winslade-road, Liverpool, has pleaded not guilty to conspiring to steal and to stealing meat and fowl from a butcher's shop."

He told Mr. R. S. Trotter, prosecuting, that he got about £200 at Christmas 1950.

And when Mr. Justice Streetfield—presiding at Liverpool Assizes—asked him if he was getting £200 a year for ten years, Thomas replied: "No—it takes you about five years to establish yourself in a market like that."

Mr. Trotter asked: "Why did you do it?" Said Thomas: "Well, I'm human the same as any other man, although a policeman."

"The money was in appreciation of the good work I had done handling traffic and helping to get loads off the premises. And I told them where they could get scarce goods."

"Were any of these gifts bribes?" asked Mr. Trotter. Thomas replied, slowly and deliberately: "No."

Thomas agreed he had occasionally obtained meat for a few people without coupons. And when Mr. Trotter asked him whether he thought it was any part of his duty to tell people where they could get "under the counter" goods, he said: "Yes, certainly."

The judge said he would begin his summing-up on Monday.

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| SAILINGS        |           | To                                                                                   |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| "VAN HEUTZ"     | Feb. 27th | Japan                                                                                |
| "STRAAT SOENDA" | Feb. 29th | Japan                                                                                |
| "BOISSEvain"    | Mar. 2nd  | Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya, Makassar, B. Africa                         |
| "TIJWANGI"      | Mar. 5th  | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "TJIPANAN"      | Mar. 6th  | Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar         |
| "TJIPONHOK"     | Mar. 7th  | Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar         |
| "TJISADANE"     | Mar. 8th  | Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar         |
| "TJILUWAI"      | Mar. 10th | Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar         |
| "BOISSEvain"    | Mar. 21st | Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa & S. America                            |
| "STRAAT SOENDA" | Mar. 24th | Japan                                                                                |
| "TIJWANGI"      | Mar. 27th | Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya, Makassar, B. Africa                         |
| "TJIPANAN"      | Apr. 2nd  | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "TJIPONHOK"     | Apr. 3rd  | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "TJISADANE"     | Apr. 4th  | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "TJILUWAI"      | Apr. 6th  | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "BOISSEvain"    | Apr. 10th | Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa & S. America                            |
| "STRAAT SOENDA" | Apr. 13th | Japan                                                                                |
| "TIJWANGI"      | Apr. 16th | Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya, Makassar, B. Africa                         |
| "TJIPANAN"      | Apr. 17th | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "TJIPONHOK"     | Apr. 18th | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "TJISADANE"     | Apr. 19th | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "TJILUWAI"      | Apr. 21st | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "BOISSEvain"    | Apr. 25th | Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa & S. America                            |
| "STRAAT SOENDA" | Apr. 28th | Japan                                                                                |
| "TIJWANGI"      | Apr. 31st | Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya, Makassar, B. Africa                         |
| "TJIPANAN"      | May 2nd   | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "TJIPONHOK"     | May 3rd   | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "TJISADANE"     | May 4th   | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "TJILUWAI"      | May 6th   | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "BOISSEvain"    | May 10th  | Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa & S. America                            |
| "STRAAT SOENDA" | May 13th  | Japan                                                                                |
| "TIJWANGI"      | May 16th  | Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya, Makassar, B. Africa                         |
| "TJIPANAN"      | May 17th  | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "TJIPONHOK"     | May 18th  | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "TJISADANE"     | May 19th  | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "TJILUWAI"      | May 21st  | Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Djakarta, Tjibon, Semarang, Surabaya & Makassar |
| "BOISSEvain"    | May 25th  | Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa & S. America                            |
| "STRAAT SOENDA" | May 28th  | Japan                                                                                |
| "TIJWANGI"      | May 31st  | Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya, Makassar, B. Africa                         |

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## SAILINGS TO EUROPE

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| "HOOGERKERK" | Mar. 7th |
| "HOOGERKERK" | Apr. 7th |
| "HOOGERKERK" | May 7th  |
| "HOOGERKERK" | June 7th |
| "HOOGERKERK" | July 7th |

## SAILINGS FROM EUROPE

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| "HOOGERKERK" | Mar. 7th |
| "HOOGERKERK" | Apr. 7th |
| "HOOGERKERK" | May 7th  |
| "HOOGERKERK" | June 7th |
| "HOOGERKERK" | July 7th |

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## Egyptian Government Speeds Up Trade Talks

Cairo, Feb. 19.  
The Egyptian Ministry of Supply has stepped up talks for trade on a large scale with India, Italy, the United States, Argentina and Cuba.

The talks were initiated by the previous (Wafdist) Government to make up for supplies lost owing to the Anglo-Egyptian crisis and the virtual paralysis of the Suez Canal ports.

Russia has pressed for a regular commercial pact to regulate Soviet-Egyptian trade, hitherto conducted on a barter basis.

Russia has offered Egypt 200,000 tons of wheat against 500,000 kantar of Egyptian short-staple cotton.

She has also offered to supply crude oil, paraffin, coal, timber, and textiles against Egyptian cotton or Sterling of which Egypt has big holdings.

Mr. Victor Alexenko, Commercial Counselor of the Soviet Legation in Cairo, called on Hussein El Ghamry, Under-Secretary of State for Supply, to resume the discussion of trade exchange between the two countries.

It was informed that Egypt now needs only wheat from Russia.

Egypt and Czechoslovakia tonight signed a trade agreement by which Czechoslovakia will supply 20,000 tons of sugar to a total value of £21,000,000—a price of £2.04 a ton.

The sugar will be in exchange for an equal value of Egyptian cotton.—Reuters.

## Siemens Plant For Karachi

Karachi, Feb. 19.  
Pakistan yesterday signed an agreement with a West German firm to establish a factory to make telephone equipment in Pakistan.

The firm—Siemens—and Hanks of Munich will make automatic exchange equipment, manual systems, instruments and associated equipment.

Pakistan will be trained in Germany so that the factory can be manned throughout by Pakistanis at the end of four years. The factory should produce the whole of Pakistan's telephone requirements, it is believed here.

Of the total share capital of £100,000, 75 per cent will be taken by the Pakistan Government and the rest by Siemens and Hanks through their local agents.—Reuters.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGES IN NY

| New York, Feb. 19. |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Canada (official)  | US\$1.00            |
| England (official) | 2.30 bid/2.30 asked |
| 60-day futures     | 2.27-12-1/2         |
| 90-day futures     | 2.27-1/2            |
| Australia          | 2.78-1/2            |
| South Africa       | 2.78-1/2            |
| Belgium            | 0.0191-1/2          |
| Holland            | 1.55                |
| France             | 0.0208-0.10         |
| West Germany       | 4.20                |
| Italy              | 2.00                |
| Spain              | 1.405               |
| Portugal           | 0.0170              |
| Norway             | 0.0205              |
| Sweden             | 0.012               |
| Switzerland        | 2.01                |

## MIDDLE EAST

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Egypt         | 2.88-1/2 |
| Iran          | 0.0125   |
| Turkey        | 0.0175   |
| Latin America | 0.0175   |
| Argentina     | 0.0175   |
| Brazil        | 0.0175   |
| Chile         | 0.0175   |
| Colombia      | 0.0175   |
| Cuba          | 0.0175   |
| Mexico        | 0.0175   |
| Peru          | 0.0175   |
| Uruguay       | 0.0175   |
| Venezuela     | 0.0175   |

## FAR EAST

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| India     | 0.0175 |
| Pakistan  | 0.0175 |
| Hongkong  | 0.0175 |
| Indonesia | 0.0175 |
| Singapore | 0.0175 |
| Japan     | 0.0175 |

90 yen to US\$1—United Press.

## Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Feb. 19.

Grains pushed ahead near the close of today's Board of Trade session. Local dealers were fairly heavy buyers of wheat, especially in the March contract, which was up more than a cent at times.

Feed grains followed the lead of wheat in a modest manner, but soybeans were inclined to lag a little.

The late rally gave the market the best tone of the day. At the finish wheat was 3/4 to 1/2 higher, corn 3/4 to 1/2 higher, soybeans 1/2 to 1/4 higher.

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| Wheat     | 2.25-1/2 |
| March     | 2.25-1/2 |
| July      | 2.25-1/2 |
| September | 2.25-1/2 |
| December  | 2.25-1/2 |
| March     | 2.25-1/2 |
| July      | 2.25-1/2 |
| September | 2.25-1/2 |
| December  | 2.25-1/2 |

Associated Press.

## JAPANESE BONDS

London, Feb. 19.

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Japanese bonds   | 67 |
| "A" (4% of 1950) | 67 |
| "B" (4% of 1950) | 67 |
| "C" (4% of 1950) | 67 |
| "D" (4% of 1950) | 67 |
| "E" (4% of 1950) | 67 |
| "F" (4% of 1950) | 67 |
| "G" (4% of 1950) | 67 |
| "H" (4% of 1950) | 67 |
| "I" (4% of 1950) | 67 |
| "J" (4% of 1950) | 67 |

United Press.

ANGLO-JAPANESE TRADE  
Candid London Comment On Steel Deal

## Formosa Trade With Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 19.  
Singapore Government officials and Chinese businessmen welcome a Formosa government decision to open trade links with Malaya.  
Officials said that Malaya, with an abundance of tin, rubber, oils and spices for export, had nothing to lose and more to gain.  
A leading importer believed Formosa exports of food and other essential goods would bring down the high cost of living here.—Associated Press.

## Control Measures In Japan

Tokyo, Feb. 19.

The International Trade and Industry Ministry yesterday decided to limit the tighter consumption control on scarce materials proposed by a recent GHQ memorandum to seven items.

The list of items, agreed on by the Economic Stabilisation Board, shortly will be sent to GHQ for approval.

The items to be controlled are cobalt, nickel, kid skin, silk, tin, molybdenum, copper, synthetic rubber and cattle hides, while copper, plate, pulp and some other items are exempted.

Meanwhile, a Japanese formula for controlling scarce commodities, submitted to GHQ on Feb. 8, has been re-examined by the Government since GHQ pressed dissatisfaction over the Japanese formula in a memorandum addressed to the chief of the Economic Stabilisation Board, Hideo Sudo, on Feb. 9.

In the memorandum Japan was given a warning that unless the Japanese Government takes further strong measures, the export quota to Japan of internationally short materials will inevitably be affected.—France-Press.

## Cotton Prices End Day With Gains

New York, Feb. 19.

Cotton prices finished with small net gains after swaying back and forth over a range of \$1.30 a bale. Traders were apparently unable to make up their minds which way to turn pending the Korean developments.

The weakness in the stock market, plus the erratic action of other commodities and the discouraging aspect of the world-wide textile situation, also injected a note of caution all around.

Washington trade reports that the Mutual Security Agency has issued a cotton purchase credit of \$2,000,000 to Austria attracted attention. However, its effect was offset by the news of steps taken by Egypt to speed up cotton exports, which would mean more competition for American growers in the foreign market.

Evening-up in March delivery continued. Open contracts in the spot month at the start of trading totalled 398,400 bales. The first notice day has been moved up one day to Monday, Feb. 25. Certified stock available for contract delivery totalled 34,751 bales. The market opened unchanged to up 10 points.

Responding to small orders either way, prices backed and filled over a range of 25 points, steadily at the close on covering by day traders. The final prices ruled one to six points higher.

Prices closed as follows:

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Spot         | 32.50       |
| March        | 32.50-30-25 |
| July         | 32.50       |
| October      | 32.50       |
| March (1953) | 32.50       |
| May          | 32.50       |
| July         | 32.50       |

United Press.

## NEW ORLEANS MARKET

New Orleans, Feb. 19.

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Spot         | 30.50       |
| March        | 30.50-30-25 |
| July         | 30.50       |
| October      | 30.50       |
| March (1953) | 30.50       |
| May          | 30.50       |
| July         | 30.50       |

United Press.

## THE MAIN ISSUE

London, Feb. 19.

Official sources said today that Japan has made no approach to Britain for revision of the existing payments agreement which would be affected by the Japanese Government's plan on payments in Sterling for Japanese steel exports to Britain.

New York, Feb. 19.

Cotton was quoted at \$1.45 per short bale, unchanged.

All prices quoted at 9-11/16 cents a pound, asked.—United Press.

## "Clear Warning Ought To Be Given To Tokyo"

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Feb. 19.  
If the Japanese Government decides that it is wise to take advantage of Britain's present embarrassment by demanding payment in dollars for certain selected deliveries it ought to be given a clear warning of the long-term consequences, says the "Financial Times" this morning.  
There can be no justification for placing the contract recently concluded for 100,000 tons of steel outside the existing payments agreement on the ground that steel is a dollar material any more than the Sterling Area would be justified in demanding dollars from Japan for Malayan rubber, it adds.

The large Sterling balances built up by Japan stem from a variety of causes: Japanese traders have delayed purchases from the Sterling Area partly for ordinary speculative motives based on the expectation of further falls in commodity prices, partly because the domestic deflationary policy has made it difficult to finance imports.

Japan has also benefited from the sharp increase in dollar earnings for supplying military equipment and supplies for the war in Korea and this has stimulated imports from the dollar area.

The Japanese Government's attitude also appears to have been conditioned by the sudden increased strength of its foreign exchange reserve.

This has given rise to the "growing volume of slightly menacing noises" that have been heard in the past few weeks about future Japanese relations with the Sterling Area.

"Some of these noises," says the "Financial Times," "may be discounted as merely preliminary stage effects in preparation for the trade and financial talks that are due to take place with Britain in March."

"But it would be foolish to ignore the fact that they might also in certain circumstances result in a new and serious threat which would embarrass the Sterling Area in its present weakened position."

## TEMPORARY FACTORS

It ought to be recognised, the paper goes on, that the present disequilibrium is due in the main to purely temporary factors.

After an increase of no less than 50 per cent in Japanese industrial output in the course of one year—which happened also to be the period when British exports of manufactured goods were limited for a variety of reasons—there is nothing surprising in the emergence of the heavily increased demand for Japanese products, particularly from Asian members of the Sterling Area.

The whole basis of the present Anglo-Japanese agreement, it is pointed out, is that trade in Sterling should be allowed to expand without the inhibitions induced under previous arrangements when beyond a certain point the deficit had to be covered in gold or dollars, the paper says.

The Japanese, moreover, can without great effort buy from Sterling sources many of the goods at present bought from dollar sources.

"Certainly the alternative of trying to obtain a marginal amount of convertible Sterling in return for steel and other items that happen to be urgently needed at the moment will result in an enforced contraction in the volume of Japanese trade," the paper concludes.

The International Trade and Industry Minister, Ryutaro Tanaka, said that if the voluntary production cut by spinners is successfully carried out, the financial control on exports (to switch over the majority of exports from the Sterling Area to the Dollar Bloc, decided by the Cabinet recently) will be abolished.

Spinning circles said the production cut should be about 20 per cent, considering the effects of such a cut on the industry. The normal monthly output of cotton yarn with the present spindleage is some 150,000 bales. This should be held down to about 150,000 bales, they said.—France-Press.

## The Rubber Markets

London, Feb. 19.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Number 1 rubber, in cents  | 33-1/4 |
| Number 2 rubber, in cents  | 33-1/4 |
| Number 3 rubber, in cents  | 33-1/4 |
| Number 4 rubber, in cents  | 33-1/4 |
| Number 5 rubber, in cents  | 33-1/4 |
| Number 6 rubber, in cents  | 33-1/4 |
| Number 7 rubber, in cents  | 33-1/4 |
| Number 8 rubber, in cents  | 33-1/4 |
| Number 9 rubber, in cents  | 33-1/4 |
| Number 10 rubber, in cents | 33-1/4 |

United Press.

## SINGAPORE MARKET

Singapore, Feb. 19.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Number 1 rubber, per lb.  | 111-1/2 |
| Number 2 rubber, per lb.  | 111-1/2 |
| Number 3 rubber, per lb.  | 111-1/2 |
| Number 4 rubber, per lb.  | 111-1/2 |
| Number 5 rubber, per lb.  | 111-1/2 |
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| Number 9 rubber, per lb.  | 111-1/2 |
| Number 10 rubber, per lb. | 111-1/2 |

United Press.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local exchange market this morning at the following rates:

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| U.S. dollar (per \$1)         | 4.75  |
| Sterling note (per £1)        | 12.25 |
| Indonesian guilders (per 100) | 2.25  |
| Malayan dollars (per 100)     | 2.25  |
| Singapore dollars (per 100)   | 2.25  |
| Black crepe (per 100)         | 1.75  |
| Red crepe (per 100)           | 1.25  |

## MESSAGERIES MARITIMES



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|-----------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| "ZELIDJA" .....       | Feb. 22 | Feb. 21 Kobe, Yokohama       |
| "THIOGENTOR" .....    | Apr. 2  | Apr. 1 Hongkong              |
| Homeward For          |         |                              |
| "FELIX ROUSSEL" ..... | Mar. 6  | Mar. 7 Marseilles via Manila |
| "MORTAIN" .....       | Mar. 17 | Mar. 18 N. Africa & Europe   |
| "ZELIDJA" .....       | Apr. 6  | Apr. 7 N. Africa & Europe    |

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## ARRIVALS FROM U.S.A.

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| M.S. "PETER MAERSK" .....    | Feb. 29 |
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| M.S. "SALLY MAERSK" .....    | Mar. 24 |

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## NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

SATURDAY the 23rd February at 12.00 Noon for the UNITED KINGDOM via Straits, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

ALL passengers baggage must be sent to the Hongkong &amp; Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown at No. 2 GATE, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE BY NOON on FRIDAY, the 22nd February, 1952.

With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only.

Will take place on SATURDAY the 23rd February between 9.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.

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## West Germany's Contribution To Europe Defence

### NATO's Executive Board Gives Estimate

London, Feb. 20.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's (NATO's) Executive Board said today West Germany could contribute 11,250,000,000 Marks (\$2,677,500,000) to the free world's defence in the fiscal year beginning July 1 without damaging her economy.

The three-man Board estimated the United States will increase its defence expenditures 30 per cent in that fiscal year to a total of \$57,000,000,000; that Britain will increase defence spending 21 per cent to \$1,731,000,000 (\$4,846,800,000); and France nine per cent to a total of 1,250,000,000,000 Francs (\$3,571,428,571).

Precisely how these estimates were reached was not stated. President Harry Truman's "road to security" budget for 1952-53 proposes appropriation of \$51,200,000,000 for the United States armed forces and \$10,844,000,000 "for international security and foreign relations"—most of it for foreign military aid.

A total of \$65,000,000,000 in military allocations was granted by Congress last year. Informed Washington officials have pointed out, however, the picture on actual spending is far different from that on appropriations, by many billions; not all the money appropriated in the past three years has been spent. This backlog building trend is now being reversed as military production increases. Officials expect new appropriations this year to be less than the spending.

The Board comprises W. Averell Harriman of the United States, Sir Edwin Plowden of Britain and Jean Monnet of France. They are in charge of figuring out how much each NATO member should contribute to the common defence.

#### LISBON MEETING

Lisbon, Feb. 19. General Arthur Gruenther, Chief of Staff to General Dwight Eisenhower today submitted a report in the infrastructure (air and land bases in Europe) to the joint meeting of the Deputies Council and other NATO military committee.

General Gruenther explained that the figure of the third stage of the infrastructure programme which totalled several hundred million dollars had been placed as low as was possible compatible with carrying out the programme.

This programme involved building bases in various European zones particularly in those of Central Command.

Work on these would be started immediately and would be staged through until the end of the next year.

General Gruenther's proposals were greeted with some reserve by the joint meeting but the meeting agreed on two recommendations:

(1) That an agreement should be reached on contribution to be made by each country on the infrastructure plan and

(2) that each government should be asked to take steps to allow immediate starting of the infrastructure work.

These recommendations will be submitted to NATO Council.

The Joint Committee further agreed on plans to be submitted to the Atlantic Council whereby the European Defence treaty would be signed and ratified very rapidly.

The United States Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff, General Omar Bradley, speaking in the name of the military representatives, urged that the European army should be set on foot as rapidly as possible.—France Press.

### Roy Rogers Sent To Hospital

Los Angeles, Feb. 10. The film cowboy, Roy Rogers, was in California Hospital here today for treatment of "minor lung congestion".

A doctor described his condition as good but said he would remain in hospital for the rest of the week.—United Press.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Look at all these wedding gifts! Do our friends think I'm getting married or taking a lifetime job as cook?"

## Adenauer Says He Is Very Satisfied

London, Feb. 19.

The West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, today announced that he and the Big Three Foreign Ministers had reached "genuine and full agreement" at the four-power conference on German problems which ended here this afternoon.

Dr Adenauer disclosed that the Allies agreed to give Germany an indirect voice in NATO affairs without prejudicing future chances of its entering NATO itself as a member.

"I am very satisfied," the tall, grey Chancellor told reporters as he left the Foreign Office, saying he and Foreign Ministers Robert Schuman, Anthony Eden and Dean Acheson had agreed to the Acheson proposal whereby the NATO Council would sit jointly with the projected European Army Council at specified times.

Since Germany is a member of the European Army, it would have a voice in any NATO discussions and decisions affecting its future fate of war criminals now serving terms under Allied sentences.

1. Establishment of a four-power Allied review board, including Germany, to decide the future fate of war criminals now serving terms under Allied sentences.

2. Lifting of all direct Allied controls over German war production and substitution of a system of indirect controls through allocation of materials and funds by the European Army organisation when it comes into being.

3. Postponement for one week of the German reply to the NATO recommendation that Germany contribute 11,250,000,000 marks as her defence contribution for the coming fiscal year. The Germans were told of the figure only on Sunday and, since it is very near the original German offer of 10,800,000,000 marks, Dr Adenauer said it was nothing to worry about.—United Press.

## Another 33 Rescued

Chatham, Mass., Feb. 19.

The last 33 survivors from two tankers that split apart in a storm off Cape Cod were rescued today, bringing to 66 the number saved. A total of 15 perished.

Soon after the 33 were taken by life rafts from the stern of the 10,000-ton tanker Fort Mercer, the storm-battered hulk began to capsize. A similar fate had befallen the bow section after four crewmen on that part of the ship had been removed.

Meanwhile, the tanker Pendleton, from which 32 persons were rescued on Monday night, was being battered by the sea. The stern section was "ground on Chatham Bar. The bow portion was drifting off the Pollock Rip Light."

The final rescue of the stern of the Fort Mercer was accomplished by the Coast Guard cutter East wind.—United Press.

## Vietminh Reds Lose Heavily

Saigon, Feb. 19.

French-led Loyalist troops counted more than 200 Red dead today following two sharp engagements with Vietminh rebels in North-ern Indo-China.

An official Headquarters communique said one action took place near the fortified village of Hoa Binh on Colonial Route 6, the communications lifeline.

The guard post at Benngor, five miles northeast on the road, repulsed an assault on Friday night and today patrols found more than 120 bodies in the vicinity.

Fifty miles southeast of Hanoi, in the Red River delta section, the communique said, a violent fight occurred between mobile Vietminh columns and "important" Communist elements which infiltrated the rice-growing land. The communique said more than 100 corpses were found later.

Planes bombed and strafed the rebels during the action. Numerous prisoners were taken. Both clashes enabled the French to capture sizable quantities of arms, including nine automatic weapons, the communique added.—United Press.

## Plane Crashes Into Pyramid

Mexican City, Feb. 10.

A light plane crashed into a group of Americans atop the giant Pyramid of the Sun yesterday, San Juan Teotihuacan today, killing the wife of a US Embassy official and injuring two tourists.

Mrs Eleanor Werimont, 34, died of injuries received when a Colombian student pilot lost control of the plane and slammed into the top of the huge stone pyramid 45 miles north of here.

Pilot Jose Jalli Velazquez, 18, of Bogota, Colombia, brought the single-engine plane to emergency landing on the "Street of the Dead" in front of Quetzalcoatl Temple in ancient ruins.—United Press.

## COUNSEL CRITICISES BANK'S APPLICATION TO TENANCY TRIBUNAL

### Compensation Offer To Tenants Increased This Morning

Criticism of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to the effect that they were using one part of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance to obtain premises cheap and another section to evict tenants was levelled by Mr A. J. Clifford, Counsel for the opponents, at the resumed hearing in the Tenancy Tribunal of an application by the Bank for exemption of certain premises in order to erect an eight-storey branch at a cost of two million dollars at the junction of Nathan Road and Argyle Street, Kowloon.

Mr Clifford said that it was known that land with tenants cost \$40 per square foot whereas vacant possession was at \$80 per square. "For a rich institution like the Bank, it seems to me to be the last word in meanness," declared Mr Clifford.

The Hon Leo d'Almada, QC, with whom also appeared Mr John McNeill, QC, for the applicants, announced this morning that the Bank was prepared to increase the offer of compensation from \$35,000 to \$50,000 to be divided proportionately among the present tenants. "It is not a matter of bargaining; merely a matter of ex-gratia payment," said Mr d'Almada.

Mr Clifford said that his clients could not accept the offer. "If you are trying to get the site cheap, you should not bother about paying small compensation," he added.

Mr Clifford requested that a member or, if necessary, members of the Hongkong Bank be subpoenaed to give some evidence with regard to the policy concerning the new branch building.

Mr D. B. Evans, who is instructing the Counsel for the applicants, then went to the Bank and returned with the Manager, Mr M. W. Turner, who gave evidence.

When hearing was resumed this morning, Mr Clifford said that no attempt had been made by Mr d'Almada, apart from his opening remarks, to prove whether there was alternative accommodation or not.

Mr Clifford said that he wanted to know what was the position with regard to the present branch premises at Mongkok. Nobody seemed to know anything about the policy of the Bank, said Mr Clifford, adding, "Then why put up this building? The branch manager does not know about the lease of the premises he is in."

"What I am saying is, that what the Bank are doing is using the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance to get premises cheap and then using another section of the Ordinance to turn the tenants out. I want to know why they are doing it," said Counsel. All he was asking for was a person from the Bank who did know something about this, he added.

NOT ADEQUATE Mr d'Almada said that he considered the evidence of Mr G. H. Catherley, so far as the Bank was concerned, was ample. So far as the lease was concerned the building was no longer adequate for the business of the bank.

Mr d'Almada said that he did not know of any rule of procedure whereby Mr Clifford could elicit from him (Mr d'Almada) who to call from the Bank. It was for Mr Clifford to call that person.

Mr Clifford: I am prepared to subpoena Sir Arthur Moore but that would be most inconvenient and I do not want to have to do so.

Mr Clifford then informed the Tribunal that he wanted to know the following:

1. The partnership between the Hongkong Bank and Henry Leong Estates in respect of the premises;

2. Whether or not when the Bank bought the Mongkok premises they did so with a view to ultimately building on it;

3. Whether they informed the tenants that they intended to build, and if so, when?

4. Whether the Bank were informed by the Leong Estates that the present tenants had made repairs to their premises in order to obtain their respective licences in 1947;

5. Whether, in fact, the Bank bought the premises at \$40 a square foot whereas they could have got vacant possession elsewhere at \$80 per square foot.

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS Mr Latimer: You are making application to call a person from the Bank?

Mr Clifford: Yes, there are quite a number of questions I would like to ask.

Mr Evans then left the Tribunal to call Mr Turner.

In the interim, Mr d'Almada said that the Bank was prepared to increase the offer of compensation from \$35,000 to \$50,000 to be divided proportionately.

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## SABOTAGE IN TUNISIA CONTINUES

Tunis, Feb. 19.

Telegraph and telephone lines linking Tunis with the eastern ports of Sfax and Sousse were broken when French Police found that three miles of telegraph poles had been felled near Sousse.

More poles were wrecked at Kessera, near Makla, on the central plateau.

The Police said it was the worst sabotage of communications since the beginning of the nationalist campaign in Tunisia last month.

In Sfax 34 people were arrested today after 150 students had gathered shouting Neo Destour (nationalist) slogans.

A Tunisian sailor was killed in the port of Sfax last night when a patrol fired on a barge which had refused to obey an order to halt for checking.

A woman journalist, Madame Elysee Frayse, was deported by plane to France as an "undesirable" after having been detained for four days at Police headquarters.

She had been arrested while addressing Tunisian women after a grenade throwing incident by women last night.

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## Living Language

Why we say Piano.

We all know that "piano" is a shortened form of "pianoforte," but perhaps not everyone knows this latter word comes from the Italian "piano e forte" which means soft and strong. It was so called because it can be played loud or soft at will, which its forerunner the harpsichord could not.

## Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at P.O. and at Kowloon Post Office registered articles and parcels close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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## Newsprint Price Increase Forecast

Washington, Feb. 19.

Chairman Emanuel Celler of the House Judiciary Committee said today that another price boost on newsprint is in prospect.

He renewed his demand that the Justice Department investigate the pricing practices of newsprint producers.

He wrote a letter to Attorney General J. Howard McGrath saying that "another increase impends." He did not say where he got the information.

Representative Celler reminded Mr. McGrath that newsprint prices were raised twice in 1951 by a total of 18 per cent.

He said, "Apparently the newsprint manufacturers are law unto themselves. If newsprint prices again are raised by all producers acting in union, there will be additional evidence to substantiate the fact that these prices are determined by collusion, not by competition. It is important for the survival of small newspapers of the United States and many publications throughout the world that the monopoly practices engaged in by American corporations and their subsidiaries be eliminated."—United Press.

UNLAWFULLY BOARDED SHIP

Fines of \$25 each were imposed on Choi Sing, 23, Lam Mei-sum, 40, and a 16-year-old boy by Mr W. Sprague at the Marine Court this morning for unlawful boarding.

Arrested on board the Norwegian motorship Hoi Hoi at buoy A10 yesterday, Choi and the boy said they took a rope aboard to tie up their sampans prior to discharging cargo, while Lam said he was on board looking for a friend.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

Let P, S, T stand for President, Secretary, Treasurer. U, W, L for Under Secretary, Vice President, and Lawyer. Long as the names of the three officers of the club are in the list, the solution is obvious.

Then it will be found that the solution is consistent with the data given (the puzzle was prepared by Mr. W. Sprague).

London, Surrey, Surrey.

## Fire In White House Garage

Washington, Feb. 19.

President Truman went to a fire today in his own back yard. A blaze broke out in a garage shed on the White House grounds about 100 yards behind the mansion. Mr Truman missed most of the excitement because of a high fence which blocked his view.

However, as he was returning to his residence, Blair House, for the evening, he peered through a break in the fence to watch firemen remove smoldering debris.

The shed contained electrical supplies and lighting fixtures that were to have been used in the renovated White House. Most of the equipment was destroyed.—United Press.

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